

FACT SHEET

Revisions to Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources

ACTION

- On November 5, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule that made corrections and updates to emissions measurement methods that are in various stationary source regulations.
- The revisions consist of corrections of typographical errors and technical errors in equations and diagrams, updates to procedures, and the addition of alternative methods that the Agency has deemed acceptable to use. The final revisions apply to industries that are already subject to various provisions.
- A few of the revisions are listed below.
 - In Method 22, digital photography is allowed for a subset of the recordkeeping requirements.
 - As an alternative to glass storage containers, high-density polyethylene storage containers are allowed in Method 26A.
 - Erroneous equations are corrected in Methods 303, 320, and 323.
- The revisions will improve the quality of data and give source testers the flexibility to use newly approved alternative procedures. Many of the proposed revisions were brought to EPA's attention by testers and environmental consultants. The EPA takes this routine step every few years to improve consistency in measurement methods and data quality.

BACKGROUND

- On January 26, 2018, the EPA published a proposed rule and received 23 relevant comment letters from the public. After considering the comments, EPA made changes to the proposed rule as appropriate to develop this final rule.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Interested parties can download the rule from EPA's web site on the Internet under Recent Actions at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc>.
- For further information about the rulemaking, contact Lula Melton at EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-2910.